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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOLD TECHNICAL PANEL ON 700 MHz NATIONWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS BROADBAND NETWORK

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) today announced it will hold a technical panel on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. to discuss the 700 MHz nationwide interoperable public safety wireless broadband network. The event will be held in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The panel will provide viewpoints on the technical design, operation, and evolution of the public safety wireless broadband network. Issues to be addressed will include:

- Technical standards to ensure interoperability
- Network coverage, reliability, and capacity
- Opportunities to leverage commercial technology to lower public safety network and equipment costs
- Technical issues associated with roaming and priority access

The panel will be open to the public; admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending this event may pre-register on-line at http://www.fcc.gov/bureaus/pshs/event-registration2.html. Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Deandrea Wilson at Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov or via phone at 202-418-0703 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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